



CHECKING FALL-OUT . . . Charlie Deek (left), county deputy warden, uses Geiger counter on George Powell, assistant director of civil defense for Torrance, to measure radiation which may result from fall-out of H-bomb while Powell looks over an ion chamber which tests area to determine if they are safe for occupation. The units are available to fire and police departments.

SEEKS MORE U.S. MONEY

King Enters Fight for More Smog Aid by Federal Funds

A demand that the lagging U. S. air pollution research program be stepped up, was voiced this week by Congressman Cecil R. King following his appointment by the California Delegation of the House of Representatives to the Committee on Manufacturing and Pollution. The veteran Congressman pointed out that while Congress had authorized the expenditure of 15 million dollars during a three year period for air pollution research activities the Federal Government has actually allocated only \$8,600,000 so far for this project. "Los Angeles County itself has expended more than eight million dollars during the same

TEAC Hears Report On 'Schoolhouse'

The "Little Red Schoolhouse" project at Waveria School made for better learning and better teaching, Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District, told a Monday meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee. The experiment, which placed children from three grades in the same classroom to test the learning situation as compared with single grade units, indicated that the multi-grade classes did better in 11 of 13 significant areas, he reported. In a second discussion, Principal Lloyd Jones, Seaside School, discussed the school's reporting system, declaring that it was designed to enable the teacher to tell the parent how they can cooperate to help the child. Letter grades are not used in earlier grades, since officials feel that parents learn more through written comments about specific subjects. An overwhelming majority of parents have indicated that they like this method, he said.

Planners OK Three Tracts

Three tracts, containing 13 lots, received a green light from the Torrance Planning Commission at its last meeting. Largest of the tracts, presented by the Watt Construction Co., had 94 lots southwest of 178th and Gramerey Pl. A joint use agreement with the Moneta Water Co. was presented by the firm. A tract northeast of 164th and Casimir Ave., presented by the Liberty Investment Co. and containing 13 lots, also received a recommendation. Eight lots on 187th St. between Prairie and Cordary Aves. presented by Al Wechsler, received an OK, provided access is provided to Prairie Ave.

Two Torrance Racers Compete in LB Meet

Three Torrance race car enthusiasts will compete this week end in the All-Western Championships at the Lions Associated Drag Strip in Long Beach. Entered are Jim Morris, Lonnie Butts, and W. H. Vincent. Morris will be in a 1951 Ford Victoria with a 1957 388 cubic inch Buick engine. Butts drives an A-modified slingshot roadster with a 353 cubic inch 1953 Chrysler engine. Vincent will compete in the B-Sports Class with a 210 cubic inch 1954 Jaguar.



Scout Trails

Birth Party The Los Angeles Area Council and the May Co. staged one of the largest Scout birthday parties in the nation on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Shrine Auditorium. More than 14,000 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers cheered a program which was split into two shows, one for Cubs (8 to 11) in the morning and one for Scouts and Explorers in the afternoon. The May Co. Scout Jamboree is an annual event, now in its 14th year, which is one of the highlights of Boy Scout Week, being held throughout the country. Glenn Glass, radio Scoutmaster of the air, was master of ceremonies who introduced May Co. officials John Preis, general manager of May Co. Willshire, Walter T. Powers, director of advertising and promotion, and Mark C. Davis, production manager for the May Co. Scout officials Council President Edward Mills and Scout Executive Arnold C. Sorenson conveyed greetings to the boys. The exciting program included the Pendleton Band, Sid Moore and his dog act, the Linnares wire act, Three D's - Fun on the Bars - Lone Ranger Ranch. Hands from Corriganville, Rex Allen, star of stage, screen and television; Tim Braddock, Noah Berry and Robert Lowery, all of the Circus Boy TV show, Doodles Weaver and a grand finale of volunteers showing how leadership builds Scouting.

Boy Scout Troop 732

A busy day of sightseeing was spent by Boy Scout Troop 732 last Saturday, as they saw "Cinerama Holiday," lunched at Sycamore Grove Park, and toured Forest Lawn. Accompanied by Scoutmaster Bud Puckette and Committeemen Art Ascolasi and R. Rozendahl, 11 boys made the trip. They were David Ludwig, Robin Moffitt, Larry Ascolasi, Sandy Puckette, Alfred Poole, Jerry Ascolasi, Bradley Thompson, Richard Rozendahl, Jimmy Perry, Michael Beerman, and Fred Coburn.

Brownie Troop 600

Members of Brownie Troop 600 finished 25 pairs of flannel-lined wool mittens last week, which will be sent to the Girl Scout Council for shipment to children overseas. The mittens were embroidered with special designs. The girls also were working on 35 Valentine favor pins for the Children's Ward, Harbor General Hospital.

Cub Pack 966-C

Cub Scout Pack 966-C discussed plans for a Blue and Gold dinner during its recent pack meeting at the Meadow Park School. Plans for a trip to Cinerama in the near future also were discussed.

Boy Scout Troop 179

At the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Resurrection Lutheran Church, Palms Verdes Blvd., in Hollywood Riviera, a Boy Scouts of America charter was presented to Troop 179, which is sponsored by the Brotherhood of the Church. The presentation was made to the troop committee by Paul

Garden Chatter

By LORING BIGELOW

Now that bare root rose season is with us once again, it would be well worth our while to study over some results of studies made at UCLA by H. C. Kohl Jr. and O. R. Lunt.

Fare root roses too frequently do not live when planted in the home garden and through investigations at UCLA it was found that the single most important factor in assuring good success in transplanting is keeping the plants from drying out in the first month after they are planted. Aeration and fertility seem to be relatively unimportant at this stage.

Care of the rose before it reaches you is also important in this later phase and if the roots are exposed too long to sun, wind, or drying conditions it may be difficult for the purchaser to bring the plant back. It was also found that plants which have more root surface relative to stem surface will not dry out nearly so easily as those which have less.

In another experiment there, it was discovered that in bare root roses where the canes were cut back severely prior to planting, and the roots left unpruned that these plants began to sprout quickly, vigorously and evenly. Poorer plants and even a large percentage of casualties occurred where the roots were pruned back severely along with the tops.

It was also pointed out in summary that the following important facts should be kept in mind: the roots of a bare root rose should not be pruned but should be well spread out in the hole; the soil should be packed firmly around the roots; little or no fertilizer should be incorporated into the soil at time of planting; plants should be watered thoroughly at planting time and every day or two thereafter until they are established (two to four weeks, depending upon temperature).

Other steps that should be remembered are that new plants should be protected from the wind, and partially shaded from the sun. Where soil structure amendments may be helpful for established plants, they would seem to offer no advantage in the original establishment of the plant. It may be worth your while this year to study over these newly discovered steps in bare root rose planting, and especially so if you have been having poor results in the past. I would never purchase a bare root rose plant, if I could not examine its root system.

Y. Dunn, program director for the Los Angeles Area Council. At the same time awards of Tenderfoot badges were made to the following scouts: Eddie Applegate, Richard Crosley, Robert Graner, Stuart Millar, Darryl O'Malley, and Ted Stevens.

Car Tank Explodes

Torrance firemen were called out Tuesday to put out an auto fire after the gasoline tank exploded. Firemen reported that papers around the gas tank of a car owned by H. D. Owens, 3613 W. 182nd St., apparently ignited and spread to the gas tank.

MONEY ORDERS

Money orders were first accepted by the U. S. postal department in 1864.

Advertisement for Paul's Chevrolet featuring a large image of a 1957 Chevrolet 210-2 door 6 passenger sedan. Text includes: 'ACTION MONTH SPECIAL! NOW YOU CAN DRIVE HOME IN A 1957 CHEVROLET 210-2 DOOR 6 PASSENGER SEDAN FULLY EQUIPPED WITH V-8 ENGINE - POWERGLIDE - RADIO - HEATER - WHITE SIDE WALL TIRES - TINTED GLASS - TURN SIGNALS - INCLUDING TAX AND LICENSE FOR ONLY . . . 1433 A WEEK With a normal down payment. This is just one of our many Action Specials!'. It also includes financing information: 'OR IF YOUR CAR IS \$300 It will make the Down Payment on any New Chevrolet in our Huge Stock! (Except Corvettes)'. Locations: 'IN TORRANCE 1640 Cabrillo Ave. FAirfax 8-1640' and 'IN LOMITA 2172 Pacific Coast Hwy. DAvenport 6-1185'.